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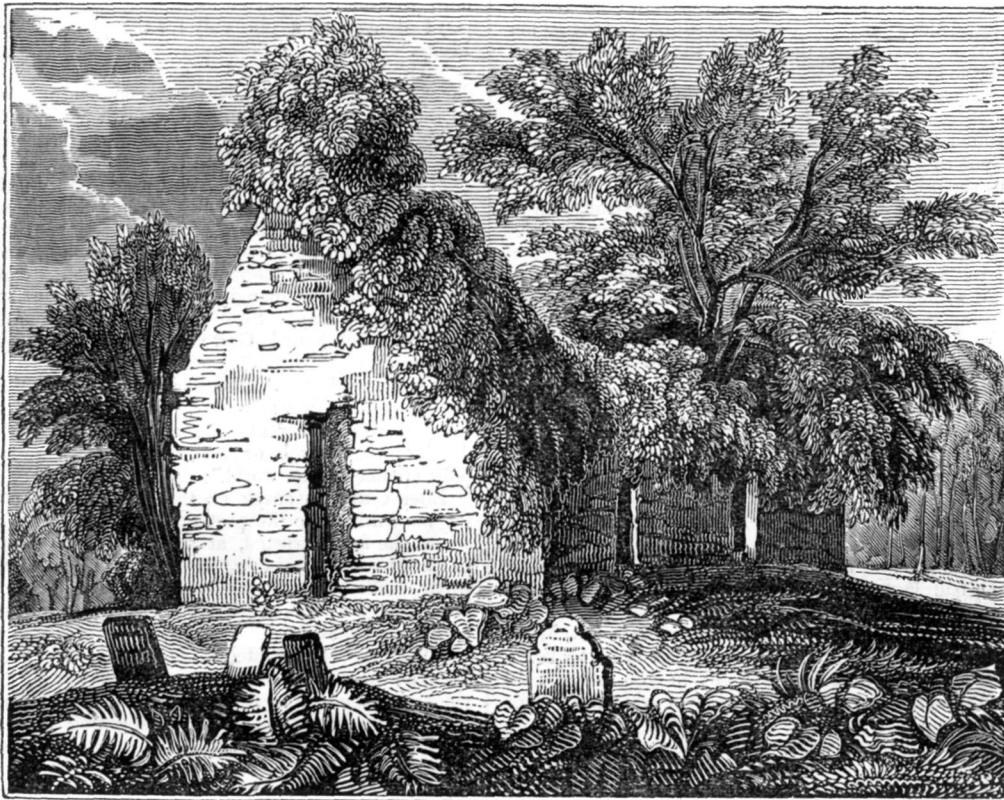
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the same occurrence, in almost the same words that Tighernach uses. The annals of the Four Masters also, under the year 1061, record the death of *Hogan O'Cor-macan*, Abbot of *Inniscumsraigh*; and *Hugh Maglanha*, Abbot of *Inniscumscray*, was a subscribing witness to the charter of Newry." "From all which," Mr. O'Donovan adds "it appears quite manifest that a Monastery was

erected on this peninsula before John de Courcey was born."

We have repeated these notices of our friend, because they curiously illustrate the history of our next embellishment, which represents the original Abbey church of Inniscumscray, which Harris erroneously supposes to be but a chapel to the greater Abbey.



A Nicholl, Esq

The original Abbey-church of Inch.

Branston and Wright

This interesting remain, which is situated immediately after the entrance into the island by a causeway, indicates, in the simplicity of its form, and architectural features, a very early antiquity; but we have not been able to discover any historical notice of the period of its foundation. The south door is embellished with a very curious piece of ancient sculpture, representing the Saviour on the cross, and a person on his knees, with his hands elevated, praying to him.

In this church was buried Sir James Melville, supposed to be a descendant of the famous Knight of the same name, who was secretary to Mary Queen of Scots, and author of the memoirs that pass under his name. The monument of the former, which is of freestone, and placed in an arch on the north side of the altar, is, according to Harris, "thus set out. Over a scutcheon of arms, the supporters of which are two birds, the rest being defaced, you have this line, viz:

S. Anno 1628. D.

Then, on the top of the scutcheon in one quarter, I. M. and in the other quarter, A. R. At the foot of the scutcheon on one side, are these words, thus placed:

Christo et cruce.

In _____ spero.

and underneath, this inscription:

INSIGNIS. MILES. MELVILLUS. CARNIA. PROLES.
MOLE. SUB. HAC. LAPIDUM. MORTUUS. ECCE. JACET.
SCOTIA. NATALEM. CELEBRAVIT. HIBERNIA. FUNUS.
INTUS. HABET. TUMULUM. SPIRITUS. ASTRA. COLIT.
SEXAGINTA. OCTO. FELICES. VIXERAT. ANNOS.
QUADRAGINTA. NOVEM. EX. HIS. ANIMOSUS. EQUES.
MILE. ET. SEXCENTOS. VICENOS. EGERAT. ANNOS.
ET. OCTO. CHRISTUS. CUM. TUMALATUS. ERAT.

The island or peninsula of Iniscourcey or Iniscooscray is situated on the lough of Strangford, nearly opposite to Downpatrick. P.

VERSES,

FROM THE GERMAN OF HOLTY.

"*Wer wollte sich mit Grillen plagen.*"

FOR THE DUBLIN PENNY JOURNAL.

Oh! who to bitter thoughts and wasting cares would hearken,
So long as youth's bright blossoms bloom?
Who, in the fairy halls of youth and hope, would darken
A sunny brow by shades of gloom?
Joy stands, and smiles, and beckons with alluring finger,
On all the pathways life discloses,
And ever as a cross-road bids the pilgrim linger,
She crowns him with her wreath of roses.
The stream—the meadow stream—still bubbles fresh and
sprightly;
Still blushes all the dell with flowers;
The moon—the vestal moon—is beaming now as brightly
As when she silvered Eden's bowers.
The wine—the chaliced wine—still sheds its purple splen-
dour
On souls that droop in grief's eclipse;
And in the rosy glen is still as sweet and tender
The kiss from pure affection's lips;
And still, as twilight dies, the mourner's heart rejoices,
Forgetting pain, and even despair,
As warbling through the grove the never-silent voices
Of nightingales enchant the air.
Oh earth! how fair thou art, while youth is yet in blossom!
How bright, how lovely is thy brow!
Oh, may this bounding heart be withered in my bosom
When I shall love thee less than now.

CLARENCE.